

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A developing apparatus, comprising:  
a developing container for containing a  
developer;

5 a developer carrying member to be rotated  
while carrying the developer thereon, said developer  
carrying member being provided in an opening portion  
of said developer container; and

a sealing member which extends in a  
10 circumferential direction of said developer carrying  
member in the vicinity of an end of said developer  
carrying member and regulates movement of the  
developer toward the end of said developer carrying  
member by a magnetic force, said sealing member  
15 including an arcuate portion extended along a  
peripheral surface of said developer carrying member  
and a non-arcuate portion disposed at an end, in the  
circumferential direction, of the arcuate portion;

wherein an end surface of the arcuate portion  
20 of said sealing member on a side where the non-arcuate  
portion is not provided, is inclined such that a  
phantom plane including the end surface is closer to  
the arcuate portion than a center of arcuation of the  
arcuate portion.

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2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
said apparatus further comprises urging means for

pressing the non-arcuate portion.

3. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein  
said pressing means includes a layer thickness  
5 regulation member or regulating a thickness of a layer  
of the developer to be carried by said developer  
carrying member and an elastic member to be disposed  
between the non-arcuate portion and said layer  
thickness regulation member.

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4. An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein  
said elastic member is electrically insulative.

5. An apparatus according to Claim 3, a  
15 projection is disposed between said arcuate portion  
and said non-arcuate portion.

6. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein  
said sealing member includes a magnet and a magnetic  
20 material.

7. A sealing member for sealing magnetic  
particles, comprising:  
an arcuate portion extended opposite to  
25 a peripheral surface of a rotation member for carrying  
magnetic particles,  
a non-arcuate portion disposed at an, in the

circumferential direction, end of the arcuate portion;

wherein an end surface of the arcuate portion of said sealing member on a side where the non-arcuate portion is not provided, is inclined such that a

5 phantom plane including the end surface is closer to the arcuate portion than a center of arcuation of the arcuate portion.

8. An apparatus according to Claim 7, a  
10 projection is disposed between said arcuate portion and said non-arcuate portion.

9. An apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein  
said sealing member includes a magnet and a magnetic  
15 material.

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